



# Bluffton Police Department

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## **Special Building Permits**

Over the next 30 days, the Town of Bluffton will waive fees for permits to make structural repairs for damage sustained to properties from Hurricane Matthew. During this 30-day period, the Town will not be accepting new single family or commercial permits unless a special circumstance is warranted.

"We want residents affected by the storm to have first priority when it comes to fixing their home," said Town Manager Marc Orlando.

It's noted in Town of Bluffton Emergency Ordinance Section 21-201, properties sustaining minor damage may not require a permit based on the type of damage. Major damage will, in most cases, require a permit. If there are questions about the permitting process, please contact Heather Colin, Director of Growth Management at 843-540-6946 or by email at [hcolin@townofbluffton.com](mailto:hcolin@townofbluffton.com).

Hours after the storm Bluffton building inspectors were teamed with fire officials and began rapid damage assessment on all properties within Town limits. They found 133 properties sustained damage from Hurricane Matthew.

Beginning Monday, October 17, 2016 Town Hall will reopen at 8 a.m. allowing building inspectors to visit properties again, if necessary. They are on hand to help. If you have additional questions, you can come to Town Hall on Monday or speak to our customer service department by calling 843-706-4500.

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